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CONTAINING ACID GASES  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as set forth herein. This paper includes the following  
items:

**Amendment to the Specification;**

**Amendment to the Claims; and**

**Remarks.**